

BALLOT TITLE FOR 2022-02 INITIATIVE PETITION

Caption:

Requires public vote to support temporary housing; prohibits near schools.

Question: Shall the Charter be amended to limit City support of temporary housing near schools or without a public vote?

Summary:

If approved, this measure amends the Charter to prohibit the use of City resources on projects that provide temporary or transitional housing:

- If the proposed project is located within 1,500 feet of a K-12 school; or
- If the proposed project is located elsewhere, unless additional support is approved by a vote of the people at a primary or general election in an even-numbered year.

“Temporary or transitional housing” means shelter located outside or in structures without permanent foundations or modern indoor plumbing facilities (e.g., tents, cabins, yurts, automobiles).

“City resources” includes all funding, staff time, equipment and supplies amounting to at least \$25,000 in value, except for the provision of emergency or public safety services.

A measure approving additional support must include the project address, the distance between the project and the three nearest schools, and the maximum amount of City resources that may be contributed to the project.

This measure makes public officials liable to reimburse the City for unauthorized expenditures and allows any taxpayer to sue on the City’s behalf.